

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/05/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 31-61.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John LeBlanc on 02/26/07.

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications device for permitting a user to perform a plurality of communication-related tasks concurrently within the telecommunications device comprising:

a user input device;

a display having a tools portion and a windows portion; and

a processing element, connected to the user input device and the display,

wherein the processing element is configured to communicate with a wireless voice network, to represent the communication-related tasks as objects in the tools portion, to provide the user with simultaneous access to the plurality of communications-related tasks, to execute different ones of the communication-related tasks based upon selection of corresponding ones of the communication-related task objects by the user via the user input device, and to change the window portion based on the user selection without changing the tools portion.

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a telecommunications device display, having a window portion and a tools portion, comprising:

representing a plurality of communication-related tasks as objects in the tools portion;

providing a user with simultaneous access to the plurality of communication-related tasks;

executing code on one or more processors to launch different ones of the communication-related tasks based upon selection of corresponding ones of the communication-related task objects by the user;

changing the window portion based on the user selection; and

maintaining the tools portion unchanged regardless of the user selection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 31-61 are allowed over the prior art of records.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art either singularly or in combination a processing element, connected to the user input device and the display, wherein the processing element is configured to communicate with a wireless voice network, to represent the communication-related tasks as objects in the tools portion, to provide the user with simultaneous access to the plurality of communications-related tasks, to execute different ones of the communication-related tasks based upon selection of corresponding ones of the communication-related task

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objects by the user via the user input device, and to change the window portion based on the user selection without changing the tools portion. These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

The closest prior art Bayless and DeLorm et al. discloses a conventional configured to communicate with a wireless voice network; either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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